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Mapes family (Samuel Mapes, 1735-1820)

FIFTY YEARS OF REUNIONS

OF

THE MAPES FAMILY.

WITH THE

ADDRESS GIVEN AT THE FIRST REUNION (1887)

BY

NELSON BRADNER MAPES (1829-1917)

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During the summer of 1886, the ten living children of Seth Mapes and Lucinda Smith Mapes, with their wives and children, met at the old homestead farm in the Town of Mount Hope, Orange Co., N. Y., which was then occupied by the oldest of these children, William E. Mapes, and his wife. The farm is still (1936) in the family, and is now owned and occupied by Martin Mapes Bennett, a grandson of William E. Mapes.

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In this group we find the well-known names of WILLIAM E. and Lucinda (Doty) Mapes; STEPHEN S. and Jeannette (Mapes) Mapes; SALLY M. Sweezy; ALSOP W. and Elizabeth (Uptegrove) Mapes; Charles D. and JULIA ANN (Mapes) Greenleaf; John J. and MARTHA (Mapes) Stewart; CHARLES and Mary (Corwin) Mapes; Nelson B. and LUCINDA (Mapes) Mapes; SETH EMMET and Susan (Halstead) Mapes; Albert and FRANCES S. (Mapes) Mapes. (Names in capitals, children of Seth Mapes - three of this family married children of John V. Mapes, first cousin of Seth Mapes). Of this group of nineteen, three lived to be over ninety years of age, ten others to be over eighty; five others to be over seventy; and only one, the youngest of the group, Frances S. Mapes, died at the early age of sixty. There were six "Golden Weddings" in this family, the years of married life extending to 55 years for Charles D. and Julia Ann Greenleaf, and also for Seth Emmet and Susan Mapes; 56 years for Alsop W. and Elizabeth Mapes; 57 years for Nelson B. and Lucinda Mapes; 60 years (lacking 15 days) for Charles and Mary Mapes; and 65 years (lacking 56 days) for Stephen S. and Jeannette Mapes.

From this family gathering at the old homestead farm came the idea of the general Mapes Family Reunion, and, according to arrangements made, notice was given for a gathering of the various branches of the Mapes Family to meet in Bertholf's Grove, near Monhagen Lake, Middletown, N. Y., on Thursday, August 25th, 1887. The Middletown Daily Press of August 26th, 1887, gave the following account of this first reunion of the Mapes Family:

FROM MIDDLETOWN PRESS, August 26, 1887,

The first picnic of the Mapes Family was held yesterday, August 25th, at Reservoir Park. Early in the day the people began to assemble at the pleasant grounds overlooking Monhagen reservoir, and by noon the grove was well filled with a jolly and happy assemblage. Although the family is mostly settled in this immediate vicinity, and came in their own conveyances, there were representatives present from Port Jervis, Newburgh, New York, Jersey City and other neighboring places. By the time the matrons of the family had prepared the repast, about which it is needless to say more than that it did credit to them, there were gathered about 250 of the family, besides a goodly number of their hosts of friends.

After the dinner had received attention the younger portion of the family organized a double "nine" and engaged in a friendly contest at base ball on the shores of the lake, which afforded lots of amusement both to the boys and the spectators.

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At 2 p.m. they were organized by electing Deacon W. E. Mapes chairman. Rev. Mr. Kershaw offered a short prayer, after which Judge N. B. Mapes, of Howells, was introduced as the orator of the day. Although the Mapes family is noted principally for its enterprising and thrifty farmers, those who heard Judge Mapes on this occasion will readily concede that when occasion demands they can produce speakers whose oratorical efforts can be surpassed by but few in the land. His address was listened to with the closest attention throughout. From it we gather that the early history of the family is not definitely known, but from the best information obtainable it is believed that they originally came from Wales and settled in Connecticut, removing from there to Long Island and from thence to this county. In 1763 (1776) Samuel Mapes settled in this locality, purchasing a tract of land one mile square which is believed to include the land on which the picnic was held.

It is supposed that a brother of his settled in the vicinity of Monroe, from whom descended the Mapes families in that section.

The speaker alluded in a very fluent manner to the many improvements and inventions which have been made since those early settlers followed an Indian trail into this county.

Rev. Mr. Kershaw followed in a few very appropriate remarks in which he alluded to the prominent part which different members of the family have taken in organizing and sustaining the Congregational Church at Howells, of which he is pastor, and which is the oldest Congregational Church in the county.

A permanent organization was effected by electing N. B. Mapes, President; John J. Stewart, Vice-President; H. M. Howell, Secretary; Job Mapes, Treasurer. The officers with their wives were made a committee of arrangements with power to arrange for future meetings.

After the death of Nelson B. Mapes, it was found that he had preserved the manuscript of the address which he delivered at the first reunion in 1887, and this address is as follows:

ADDRESS GIVEN BY NELSON B. MAPES
AT FIRST REUNION OF THE MAPES FAMILY
AUGUST 25, 1887.

My friends. I am very thankful for the invitation you have given me to address this assembly. And I shall esteem myself most fortunate if any words that I may utter shall add anything of interest to this most pleasant and happy occasion.

It seems fitting and appropriate that we should stop occasionally by the way side - as it were - to gather a few flowers of friendship that we may weave them into garlands of beauty and glory to cheer and gladden our hearts as we pursue our way through the pilgrimage of life. With most of us the world goes hard enough;

we know by experience the meaning of hard and constant toil; and none of us are exempt from the anxieties and disappointments, the annoyances and vexations, that come to all human kind as they rub back and forth against each other in pursuing the work of life.

You have laid aside these burdens that sometimes press heavily and have come together here in this cool and pleasant place, to look into each others faces, to exchange the kindly greeting, to enjoy for a season the pleasures of social intercourse and to strengthen and brighten the chain that binds you together as friends and kindred. You have met as a family, though connected with many other families by the social relations which you have formed. You are still one family, descendants of the same parent stock and have inherited the peculiarities of disposition and tacts and general habits that follow the unvarying law of reproduction from one generation to another.

If there are some here who claim no connection whatever with this family, in the name and in behalf of those who originated the movement, I welcome you among us, and I beg you to consider yourselves of our number for this occasion.

I have very little information concerning the early history of the family here in this country. It is believed that they originally came from Scotland (Wales) and first settled in the State of Connecticut; from there they went to Long Island, and from Long Island they came to this section and settled first not far from Howells Depot. Just at what time they came first into the country or at what time they settled in this Town of Wallkill I do not know of any means of ascertaining. The oldest record that we have of any one of the name is that of Samuel Mapes. I have in my possession a deed made by a man named Duncan to Samuel Mapes dated in 1763 (124 years ago) for a tract of land of 640 acres, or one mile square. The boundaries as given in the deed are such that it cannot be determined exactly where they now are because names have been changed since then, but it is supposed to include the spot where we now are.

That deed was made before the War of the Revolution. This country was then a province of Great Britain, and in the deed there is an acknowledgment of allegiance to His Most Gracious Majesty, King George the Third.

Samuel Mapes had several children who settled about this region. One son named Samuel, one Selah, Enos who was my grandfather, Erastus who has a large number of descendants. One son of Erastus is here with us, and one daughter living is quite feeble and unable to come out. Some of the ladies counted the descendants of Erastus Mapes now living and, with their wives and husbands, they found 370.

When Samuel Mapes first settled here this region of country was very different in its appearance from that which is now pre-

sents. It was then an unbroken wilderness. The vast forests were the home of wild beasts. The bear, the panther, the cantamount and the wolf had their home here, and the early settlers had a hard struggle for subsistence. However, they planted themselves firmly upon the soil, they began to clear and cultivate, and in process of time they surrounded themselves with many of the comforts and even luxuries of life. I have heard my own grandmother relate incidents of the early life of the people - their mode of living, their manner of dress, their social gatherings and means of amusement and recreation, and their encounters with wild beasts. Some of these incidents were full of thrilling interest and made an impression upon my mind (child as I then was) that will never be effaced.

But the family grew and multiplied; other families were formed. As a rule the Mapes family is a healthy one. They have a fairly average physical development and attain to as great an age as most other families. Very few families number so many today as the Mapes family. The Smiths undoubtedly exceed us in numbers, so perhaps the Millers. But there are few families settled in life so nearly together so that they can come together so easily as you have now for a few hours of social intercourse. A few of your number have gone to distant places and made their homes among strangers. There is the family of Addison Mapes in Michigan. Three boys married, engaged in farming and doubtless raised families. Seth Mapes settled in Missouri; he also has a large family of sons and daughters. Leander Mapes and one or two sisters in Kansas and Texas, and Ira, son of Stephen Mapes, and two of the daughters of Charles and two of the daughters of Alsop in Nebraska. There are others in different sections of the West whom I do not just now call to mind - you will think of the absent ones today, and if they have heard of this gathering through the papers or from communications from you, they will think of you. So there will be a kind of mental and spiritual communication between you.

Though you are a numerous family, when we take a broad view and look upon the race of man inhabiting the earth as one family endowed with the same common humanity, having the same origin, subject to the same laws and conditions of being, governed by the same motives of hope and fear and looking forward to a common destiny, how insignificant our numbers as a family appears. The population of the world is now supposed to be about 14,000,000,000. These figures are based upon actual enumeration in countries where such enumeration is taken and estimates of travelers and residents of countries that are not enumerated. Our own country has about 53,000,000. What a vast number of people! If we wish to get something of an idea of the population of our country let us get on board one of our through express trains and go westward to Buffalo, thence to Chicago, and still onward to Omaha and across the Rocky Mountains to the Golden City of the Pacific Coast. Three thousand miles and more of continuous railway, and everywhere along this line of travel you will meet multitudes of people, and

all continually on the move, each intent upon his own pursuit of business or pleasure. The same is true of all other directions, north, or south, or east. Go to the City of New York and witness the throngs of people that are continually passing back and forth over the different ferries that connect the great city itself with its surrounding cities. Stand for half an hour at some point upon Broadway and see the tide of human life pouring up and down that magnificent thoroughfare. From these different points of observation we get something of an idea of the population of our own and other lands, and we become so impressed with a sense of its vastness that we almost lose our own identity, and certainly learn our own insignificance. It is only in a very limited circle that we are of any consequence whatever in the world, and perhaps we may safely say that we each one of us are of more consequence to ourselves than to any other person.

But you are not only a numerous family, most of you are engaged in the same employment. You are farmers. The instances are very rare when so numerous a family are settled so nearly together and so many engaged in one pursuit. You have just passed through the heaviest and most exacting season of labor for the year. Your barns are filled with hay and wheat and rye and oats and you rejoice in the abundance with which a beneficent Providence has crowned your labor. It has been a season of fairly average productiveness in all the productions of the earth. Not only here in Orange County and in this State of New York, but in all the states of the great west, throughout the whole length and breadth of the land, there has been immense harvests gathered.

Take the State of Kansas as an example. About as large in territory as our own state, but comparatively a young state. Thirty years ago the settlement of Kansas had just begun. This year wheat has been gathered from 1,372,028 acres, averaging a little more than 6 bushels per acre, making a total crop of wheat 7,470,375 bushels. Oats have been gathered from 1,495,903 acres, averaging 28 bushels per acre, making a total crop of 41,881,953 bushels. There were 154,822 acres of rye averaging 20 bushels per acre, making a total number of bushels of rye of 2,105,636. 6,442,923 acres are planted with corn and the estimate of the yield of corn for the state is 75,549,566 bushels. There are also 100,000 acres of potatoes, 35,000 acres of sorghum, and 90,000 acres of broom corn, besides a large area of small fruits and vegetables.

These are large figures. They are taken from the report of the Secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, and are presumed to be reliable.

This is only one state. The same ratios of production will apply to Nebraska, Missouri, Minnesota, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. If we put the aggregate of production of all these states together the amount would seem to be almost beyond computation.

Compared with these figures, the products of each of your farms are very small. Yet the milk shipped from Orange County during a year is a large amount. There was sent from the little station of Howells during the year ending with July, 45,294 cans of milk and 753 cans of cream, or 461,270 gallons. Put the amount shipped from all the stations upon the Erie and Midland roads and their branches together and the quantity would be immense. Time was when Orange County was famous for its fine butter. Orange County butter had a wide reputation for its excellent flavor and richness. But its glory in the production of this important article has departed. The great west with its cheaper land, better adapted to cultivation on a large scale, can produce butter and grain and cattle easier and cheaper. This section must confine itself to the production of milk and vegetables and fruits to supply the large cities and towns that furnish an excellent market for all such products.

And here let me say that there ought to be more attention to this matter of producing vegetables and fruits. The price of all kinds of farm products is high and last year there was brought into this county potatoes and cabbage from foreign countries to supply the demand. There are upon many farms pieces of land that produce nothing but weeds and briars which, if cultivated, their products would add something to the supply of food. If every acre of land in the county was carefully and thoroughly cultivated, there would be no need to look to foreign countries for supplies of any products to which our soil and climate is adapted. But you say that crops are liable to fail. I know that the farmer has much to contend with. The cold and the heat, the droughts and excessive rains, the bug, the worm, the caterpillar, all these destructive agents are at work. But you must bear in mind that failure is possible, yea probable, in any business. The only remedy or preventative is constant care and hard work. Farming, as well as any other business, requires the constant care and attention of the owner to make it successful.

It goes without saying that agriculture is one of the most useful pursuits in which men can engage. It is the foundation upon which all other employments rest. The first great want of all the human family is food,- the means of subsistence itself. And the food and clothing for the whole race must come from the land or the water that covers the surface of the earth.

But a nation composed exclusively of farmers - of tillers of the soil - would in time degenerate into a half civilized if not a semi-barbarous people. Commerce has always been regarded as the great civilizing agency. If all were farmers there would be no exchange of commodities, no buying and selling. Each one would be confined to a bare subsistence upon his own products. There would be no inducement to exertion, nothing to stimulate enterprise. Some countries produce articles of common necessity and convenience that cannot be produced at all in other countries, because the soil and climate is not adapted to their production. Our own southern states produce cotton that enters so

largely into our clothing, and rice and sugar cane and many fruits that will not mature in our own northern climate. Far off China produces our tea, and the islands of the sea produce coffee and spices. To distribute these various products over the earth so that all may enjoy a variety there must be a large number of people engaged in distributing and exchanging the commodities of one country for those of another. Ships must be built and manned to navigate the waters of the world. There must be manufacturers to convert the raw material into fabrics for our clothing; others must be employed in making the clothing. Machinery must be constructed. There must be millers to grind our wheat and corn; mechanics to make our implements of husbandry; artisans to build our homes. There must be laborers to build our railroads and canals and operate them after they are built. There must be physicians to take care of our sick, and I suppose there must be lawyers to make and interpret our laws, and in the higher field of intellectual and moral culture there must be teachers to instruct our youth and inculcate principles of truth and virtue. All these employments are essential to the highest civilization and refinement.

In a well regulated society the dependence of each upon the other will be mutually recognized and acknowledged. Each one engaged in any employment that is serviceable to others is entitled to a fair compensation according to the skill and efficiency with which the service is performed. If society was constructed upon a just and equitable basis, all antagonism between those engaged in different pursuits would be removed. The violent commotions and disturbances of business that are occasioned by strikes and contentions between employers and employees would be prevented. The fact that these things occur implies wrong and injustice upon one side or the other.

But besides being largely engaged in one of the most important pursuits of men, it is your privilege to live in an age and under a form of government that affords you advantages greater than any people has ever heretofore enjoyed. The present age towers above all others in the grandeur of its achievements in the opportunities which it affords for the attainment of a higher manhood. Our fathers lived a hard and barren life compared with ours. No doubt they had their enjoyments. They found a compensation for the toils and privations that they endured in looking forward to brighter and better days for themselves and their children and children's children. But in their brightest dreams of the future they never foresaw that which has actually come to pass. When the first settlers entered these forests, following an Indian trail where no wagon or conveyance of any kind had ever passed, searching for a place upon which to build their rude log cabin, they little dreamed of the mighty trains that go thundering by, by day and night on tracks of steel. When they received the little newspaper once a month and obtained therefrom all that they knew of the doings of the world outside they had no conception of the vast, though complicated, postal system that deposits a mail three or four times a day at your very doors, or of the

wires that are stretched along the highways of trade and commerce by means of which the lighting is compelled to do our bidding. When they were felling the forests, digging out the stumps and stones and scratching the ground preparatory to putting in their first crop of wheat, they saw not the steel plough drawn by a team of splendid horses, cutting its furrow straight and true. They saw not the Buckeye Mower or the Bradley Reaper, each of which does the work of a hundred men. Yet they toiled on patiently, little realizing what mighty changes would be wrought in the outward life of the generations that should come after them.

Then it was reserved for the generation in which our fathers lived to found here upon this western continent a government that should guarantee to every citizen thereof the unalienable right of liberty. Under the government of the past but little account was made of the individuals who made up the great mass of the common people. They were regarded but as the hewers of wood and drawers of water for the aristocratic and governing classes, who claimed for themselves all the powers and privileges of official station and in whose interest government itself was administered. But under our form of government we have no privileged classes, no hereditary titles. The prizes of life are open and free for the competition of all, and our national history is full of examples of the high culture that may be attained, and the success in life that may be reached if there is only a firm will and a steady purpose directed to the accomplishment of a laudable end. Look over the country and you shall find that a large proportion of the acknowledged leaders came from the humbler classes. In the administration of government, in the professions, in the mechanical arts, or literary men or men of large wealth and influence, the front ranks are largely filled by those who had but few of what are called early advantages. Under no other government is it possible for young men born in obscure life to rise to such social influence and distinction as they may and do attain in this country. They cannot even obtain a title to land in the countries of Europe. England, the most advanced nation of the old world, has her peasant system. The land is owned by the nobility (so called) and is transmitted from one generation to another. Those who cultivate it are compelled to pay enormous rents, so that they can obtain but a scanty subsistence for themselves after satisfying the demands of the landlords. Ireland is groaning under a system of land tenure by which the fruits of the labor of her working classes is swept away from them and taken to support the titled class in idleness and luxury. The same system in a modified form prevails in Germany, and in Germany all able bodied young men are compelled to serve three years in the Army without pay. A large standing army is constantly maintained to eat out the substance of the people. But a far different system prevails here in our favored land. We do not appreciate the opportunities that are ours because we were born in the midst of them and have grown up to manhood or mature life knowing nothing of the conditions in other ages and nations.

It is true that we hear much said of the corruptions of political life, and it is very common to speak of the earlier and better days. It is sometimes claimed that mankind was more honest, more virtuous, more upright and pure in former times than they are now. But I wish here to express my honest conviction that this country was never better officially or individually than it is now. The land is covered all over with institutions of benevolence and the people are found ready to respond to the calls of suffering humanity as they never did before. We have better churches and more liberally sustained. We are better clothed and we are better morally and intellectually than any other people in this or any other era. If there has been a decline and relaxation in some of the austere customs and practices of a former age, this is more than balanced by an enlarged philanthropy, by a more just and generous recognition of human rights by the cultivation of that spirit of charity that covers a multitude of sins.

Let me say to these young people - what you shall be hereafter as men and women depends very much upon yourselves. Your early years are spent under circumstances that you cannot control. But the time soon comes when you must think and act for yourselves. By an unalterable decree generations succeed each other upon the stage of life in quick and rapid succession. As the world is left by one it is taken by the next. All its great concerns, however important and grand, will soon be in your hands to direct and control. Have you ever thought of it? The duty of carrying forward the government, the schools, the agriculture, the arts, the manufacturies, the science, the philosophy, the religion of the world will soon rest upon you. How are you preparing yourselves for this arduous but glorious task? Our few institutions afford an open field and fair play for the legitimate exercise of the powers of your minds and bodies in all the pursuits of legitimate industry. It is for yourselves to determine whether you will seize the opportunities that are before you and acquit yourselves as worthy recipients of these priceless privileges. But you say perhaps that you can accomplish nothing without wealth or a finished education and that your life is necessarily one of labor. So you settle down into a careless and indifferent state. Time passes away in the course of daily duties and pleasures. As to the education of the schools, nothing can be said against that. It is of immense advantage to all who can obtain it and who have common sense enough to use it wisely. But much may be accomplished without the advantage of schools. Books and newspapers are abundant and cheap, and if young men, and women too, would spend one quarter of the time that they now spend in idleness and folly in reading some work of science or history or philosophy, or the current news of the day, a vast store of knowledge might be obtained that would be of great practical value in after life.

I have now briefly called your attention to a few thoughts that seemed to me not inappropriate to the occasion. There is nothing new in them. They are all trite and commonplace. But our daily lives are a routine. We do the same things today that we did yesterday. The same round of labor occurs at the corresponding season of each succeeding year. Our minds flow in the same channel. Occasionally we evolve a new idea. We reach a new conclusion by experience. We meet together and enjoy these pleasant interviews, then we part and go our several ways to our homes and our respective pursuits. Thus life passes away. Many of us have already passed its meridian. Like yonder sun we are descending the western sky, soon to go down behind the azure.

I trust that when these August days return you will find it in your hearts to meet again to recount your experiences of the year and renew your pledge of friendship. Whatever the future may have in store for us, may we all meet the responsibilities of the present, using wisely the opportunities that God has given us. So that when these meetings and partings are over, and our life work is done, it may be our happy experience to meet together in an unbroken circle on the eternal shore. There will be no parting there.

2nd Reunion, Aug. 23, 1888, at Bertholf's Grove. Addresses given by Major William E. Mapes, of Goshen, and Mr. Charles Bell, of Middletown. Officers elected, President, Nelson B. Mapes; Vice-President, J. J. Stewart; Secretary-Treasurer, H. M. Howell.

3rd Reunion, Aug. 22, 1889, at Penney's Grove, near Otisville, on farm owned by Job Mapes and occupied by Charles L. Penney. Essay by Oscar W. Mapes, addresses by Charles Bell, Dr. C. F. Kyte, of Jersey City; and Rev. Wm. Kershaw, of Howells. Officers elected: President, Selah R. Corwin; Vice-President, Job Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Oscar W. Mapes.

4th Reunion, was to have been held at Webb's Park, Middletown, but a severe rain storm interfered and there was no gathering that year.

5th Reunion, Aug. 20, 1891, at Webb's Park, Middletown. Addresses by Selah R. Corwin, Nelson B. Mapes, Rev. A. F. Pierce and Charles Bell. Several selections were given by Mapes Glee Club. Officers elected: President, Job Mapes; Vice-President, Benjamin Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Oscar W. Mapes.

6th Reunion, Aug. 18, 1892, at Webb's Park, Middletown. Prayer by Rev. Luther Littell, of Mount Hope; addresses by Job Mapes and Nelson B. Mapes. Song by Miss Stella Mapes. Officers elected: President, Benjamin Mapes; Vice-President, Alsop W. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Oscar W. Mapes.

7th Reunion, Aug. 17, 1893, at Webb's Park, Middletown. Prayer by Rev. Wm. A. Robinson, of Middletown; addresses by Rev. Luther Littell, of Mount Hope, Nelson B. Mapes, and William E. Mapes, of Newburgh. Singing by quartette composed of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Adams, Mr. and Miss Wickham. Officers elected: President, Alsop W. Mapes; Vice-President, John J. Stewart; Secretary-Treasurer, Hector Tuthill.

8th Reunion, Aug. 16, 1894, at Webb's Park, Middletown. Singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"; prayer by Rev. Theron Brittain, of Ridgebury. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Adams sang several selections. No addresses, afternoon given over to social intercourse. Officers elected: President, Stephen S. Mapes; Vice-President, T. Alvin Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Hector Tuthill.

9th Reunion, Aug. 15, 1895, at Midway Park, Middletown. Prayer by Rev. Luther Littell. Addresses by Stephen S. Mapes, Rev. Wm. H. Kershaw, Col. C. H. Weygant, of Newburgh, and Nelson B. Mapes. All officers were re-elected.

10th Reunion, Aug. 20, 1896, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Prayer by Rev. George S. Hall, of Howells. Addresses by Rev. Wm. A. Robinson, of Middletown, Rev. George S. Hall, and George E. Mapes, of Philadelphia. Officers elected: President, T. Alvin Mapes; Vice-President, Charles Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Lewis H. Mapes.

11th Reunion, Aug. 19, 1897, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Prayer by Rev. Luther Littell. Solo by Mrs. Charles Henry Mapes. Two songs by male quartette composed of Edwin S. Merrill, Oscar W. Mapes, Charles H. Mapes and Lewis H. Mapes. Addresses by T. Alvin Mapes, Col. Chas. H. Weygant, George E. Mapes and Col. E. M. Rutenber, of Newburgh. Officers elected: President, Charles Mapes; Vice-President, Alsop W. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Lewis H. Mapes.

12th Reunion, Aug. 18, 1898, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Piano solo by Miss Ruth Mapes, of Florida. Prayer by Rev. George S. Hall. Addresses by Nelson B. Mapes and Rev. George S. Hall. Officers elected: Nelson B. Mapes, President; S. Emmet Mapes, Vice-President; Lewis H. Mapes, Secretary-Treasurer.

13th Reunion, Aug. 24, 1899, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Piano solo by Miss Jennie Mapes. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Robinson. Addresses by Nelson B. Mapes and Rev. W. A. Robinson. Reminiscences of the Mapes Family by Edwin S. Merrill. Officers elected: President, Squire Lee; Vice-President, I. Theodore Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert D. Mapes.

14th Reunion, Aug. 16, 1900, at Columbia Park, Middletown. 150 present. Piano solo by Miss Jennie Mapes. Prayer by Rev. George S. Hall. Short addresses by Stephen S. Mapes and William Mapes, of Michigan. Officers elected: President, I. Theodore Mapes; Vice-President, S. Emmet Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert D. Mapes.

15th Reunion, Aug. 15, 1901, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Piano solo by Miss Jennie Mapes. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Otisville. Addresses by Nelson B. Mapes and Rev. Mr. Taylor. Officers elected: President, S. Emmet Mapes; Vice-President, Oscar W. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert D. Mapes; Registrar, T. Alvin Mapes.

16th Reunion, Aug. 21, 1902, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Mandolin solo by Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer, of Howells. Address by Rev. Mr. Pfeiffer. Officers elected: President, Oscar W. Mapes; Vice-President, Hector Tuthill; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert D. Mapes.

17th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1903, at Midway Park, Middletown. 150 present. Addresses by George E. Mapes and Wickham T. Shaw. Letter of greeting from Mary Mapes Dodge. Officers elected: President, Oscar W. Mapes; Vice-President, Daniel S. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Myra Mapes.

18th Reunion, Aug. 11, 1904, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Clambake instead of usual basket lunch. 150 present. Piano solo by Miss Mabel Thompson. Vocal solo by Lewis H. Mapes. Mrs. Charles E. Mapes recited a humorous selection. Solo by Miss Bessie Mapes. Address by Nelson B. Mapes. Many from a distance were present. Officers elected: President, Lewis H. Mapes; Vice-President, Mortimer L. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Mabel Howell.

19th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1905, at Columbia Park, Middletown. Piano duett by Miss Irene Hulse and Miss Barkman. Prayer by S. Emmet Mapes. Vocal solo by Miss Ethel Greenleaf. Addresses by Lewis H. Mapes and Rev. Mr. Kellington, of Howells. Officers elected: President, Mortimer L. Mapes; Vice-President, Wm. Harvey Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Mapes.

20th Reunion, Aug. 9, 1906, at Howells Congregational Church. 100 at dinner, number about doubled in afternoon. Organ solo by Mrs. Lewis H. Mapes. Among deaths reported was that of Mrs. Mary Mapes Dodge, and her poem "The Two Mysteries" was read by Mrs. S. Willis Mapes. Remarks by William E. Mapes, of Pine City, Mich. Address by George E. Mapes on "Samuel Mapes and His Times". Short talk by Col. C. H. Weygant. Officers elected: President, James N. Mapes; Vice-President, Fred Woodruff; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Mapes.

21st Reunion, Aug. 8, 1907, at Columbia Park, Middletown. 75 present. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Kellington, of Howells. Letter of greeting from Ohio branch of the family. Addresses by James N. Mapes, Rev. Mr. Kellington, and Wickham T. Shaw. Oldest member present, Salah R. Corwin (97) called upon for remarks, but did not feel able to respond. Officers elected: President, Spencer W. Corwin; Vice-President, Oscar W. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. Willis Mapes; Registrar, Mrs. W. T. Shaw.

22nd Reunion, Aug. 13, 1908, at Midway Park, Middletown. 200 present. Vocal solo by Leo A. Mapes, of Cornwall. Address by Col. C. H. Weygant, relating incidents of the Civil War. Address by George E. Mapes on "The Mapes Family in the Revolution" read by James N. Mapes. Officers elected: President, Hector Tuthill; Vice-President, Millard Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. Willis Mapes.

23rd Reunion, Aug. 12, 1909, at Midway Park, Middletown. 200 present. Address by George E. Mapes on "Beginnings of the Mapes Family in America". Officers elected: President, Millard Mapes; Vice-President, I. Theodore Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. Willis Mapes; Registrar, Sarah L. Mapes.

24th Reunion, Aug. 11, 1910, at Midway Park, Middletown. Addresses by Millard Mapes and Rev. Mr. Thorpe, of Howells. Among deaths reported was that of Salah R. Corwin, who lacked 105 days of being 100 years old. Officers elected: President, I. Theodore Mapes; Vice-President, Albert Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Jesse E. Mapes.

25th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1911, at Midway Park, Middletown. Large attendance. Addresses by Nelson B. Mapes and George E. Mapes. Committee appointed to raise funds for suitable monument at grave of Samuel Mapes at Howells. Officers elected: President, Lewis H. Mapes; Vice-President, William J. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Jesse E. Mapes.

26th Reunion, Aug. 8, 1912, at Samuel Mapes Homestead at Howells. Addresses by George E. Mapes, in memory of Samuel Mapes, and by Nelson B. Mapes (83 years old). Appropriate services for unveiling of monument at grave of Samuel Mapes in Mapes Family Burying Ground. Officers elected: President, Dr. E. M. Schultz; Vice-President, Millard Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles L. Penney.

27th Reunion, Aug. 14, 1913, at Midway Park, Middletown. Remarks by Wickham T. Shaw. Clarence E. Mapes told of his recent trip from Manila, Philippine Islands, to New York, with stops at Singapore, Colombo, Egypt, The Holy Land, and four weeks in Europe. Officers elected: President, Millard Mapes; Vice-President, Oscar W. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. Willis Mapes.

28th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1914, at Midway Park, Middletown. Small attendance. Brief remarks by President, Millard Mapes. No addresses. Officers elected: President, Oscar W. Mapes; Vice-President, Mrs. Lewis H. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. Willis Mapes.

29th Reunion, Aug. 12, 1915, at Midway Park, Middletown. 50 present. Informal remarks by George E. Mapes and Nelson B. Mapes. Officers elected: President, Oscar W. Mapes; Vice-President, Mrs. W. T. Shaw; Secretary-Treasurer, S. Willis Mapes.

30th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1916, at home of Lewis H. Mapes at Howells. 55 present. Remarks by Oscar W. Mapes, George E. Mapes and Rev. John Kershaw, of Howells. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Clara Mapes Shaw; Vice-President, Mrs. Myra Mapes Corwin; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Mapes.

31st Reunion, Aug. 9, 1917, at Midway Park, Middletown. 100 present. Addresses by George E. Mapes and Rev. John Kershaw. Mrs. Charles E. Mapes read an original poem dedicated to the Mapes Family. Officers elected: President, Lewis H. Mapes; Vice-President, Mrs. Myra M. Corwin; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Mapes.

32nd Reunion, Aug. 8, 1918, at Midway Park, Middletown. Small attendance. Remarks by Lewis H. Mapes, Rev. John Kershaw and James N. Mapes. Recitation by Mrs. Myra M. Corwin. Among deaths reported was that of Nelson B. Mapes. Officers elected: President, Edson Mapes; Vice-President, Lewis H. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Mapes; Registrar, Mrs. Alice M. Howell.

33rd Reunion, Aug. 14, 1919, called for Orange County Fair Grounds, but day was stormy and only a few members of family were present. No business transacted. Officers held over.

34th Reunion, Aug. 12, 1920, at Midway Park, Middletown. 75 present. Address by George E. Mapes who read letter from Carl E. Mapes, of Washington, D. C. Greetings by Rev. Charles Mattison, John Mapes, of Virginia, and Charles E. Mapes, of Philadelphia. Officers elected: President, Clarence E. Mapes; Vice-President, Lewis H. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Charles E. Mapes.

35th Reunion, Aug. 11, 1921, at Howells Congregational Church. 150 present. Letters read from George E. Mapes; and from members of family in California, Colorado, Nebraska, Michigan and Washington, D. C. All officers re-elected.

36th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1922, at Howells Congregational Church. 150 present. Address by Rev. Frank A. Greeley, of Washington, D. C., supply at Howells Church. Officers elected: President, Clarence E. Mapes; Vice-President, Lewis H. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Edna B. Mapes; Registrar, Mrs. Nellie T. Whitlock, in place of Mrs. Alice M. Howell who had died during the year.

37th Reunion, Aug. 9, 1923, at Howells Congregational Church. 200 present. Greetings from Rev. M. L. Dalton, of the Howells Church. Twenty present who were present at first reunion in 1887. All officers re-elected.

38th Reunion, Aug. 14, 1924, at Howells Congregational Church. 150 present. Letters of greeting from George E. Mapes and from members of family in Ohio, Nebraska, Michigan and Colorado. Officers elected: President, Winfield H. Mapes; Vice-President, Millard Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Mapes Shipley.

39th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1925, arranged for Maple Dale School House Grounds; rain caused the tables to be placed in carriage house of Oscar W. Mapes. 45 present, including five members of Ohio Branch of the family. Remarks by Cassius C. Mapes, Cleveland, and Mrs. C. C. Mapes gave an interesting description of a recent trip through the Canadian Rockies. Officers elected: President, Clarence E. Mapes; Vice-President, William S. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stella Mapes Masterson.

40th Reunion, Aug. 14, 1926, at Howells Congregational Church. 150 present. Report of first reunion in 1887 read, also address of Nelson B. Mapes given at first reunion. 28 present who had been present at first reunion. Among deaths reported was that of George E. Mapes, of Philadelphia. Officers elected: President, William S. Mapes; Vice-President, Elmer L. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stella M. Masterson.

41st Reunion, Aug. 13, 1927, at Howells Congregational Church. 125 present. Piano solo by Raymond Trundy. Violin solo by Miss Helen Rockafellow. Address by Rev. M. L. Dalton. Program of musical selections was enjoyed. All officers re-elected.

42nd Reunion, Aug. 11, 1928, at Howells Congregational Church. 100 present. Three minute addresses by Dr. Alfred E. Shipley, James N. Mapes, Elmer L. Mapes and Frank Ham. Humorous reading by Rev. M. L. Dalton. Gift of \$25. voted to Howells Church. Officers elected: President, Elmer L. Mapes; Vice-President, John P. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stella M. Masterson.

43rd Reunion, Aug. 10, 1929, at Recreation Park, Pine Bush, N. Y. 100 present. Singing of America. Prayer by Rev. M. L. Dalton. No program Sports in afternoon. Officers re-elected.

44th Reunion, Aug. 9, 1930, at Recreation Park, Pine Bush. \$25. was voted to help with restoration of historic church at Slate Hill, N. Y. Officers elected: President, John P. Mapes; Vice-President, Mrs. Charles E. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stella M. Masterson.

45th Reunion, Aug. 8, 1931, at Van's Beach, Port Jervis. 130 present. Singing of America. Prayer by Oscar W. Mapes. No program. Officers elected: President, John P. Mapes; Vice-President, James N. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stella M. Masterson.

46th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1932, at Van's Beach, Port Jervis. 125 present. Singing of America. Prayer by Frank Ham. Clarence E. Mapes presented to the Association a copy of book "The Mapes Family; Early History with Notes and Documents from the Public Records" by A. E. Allaben. Remarks by Lester D. Mapes, Brooklyn. Officers elected: President, James N. Mapes; Vice-President, Frank Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Stella M. Masterson.

47th Reunion, Aug. 12, 1933, at Van's Beach, Port Jervis. 100 present. Routine business after lunch. Lester D. Mapes presented to the Association a copy of "Line of Ancestors Traced Back to Royalty of England" with appropriate remarks. Officers elected: President, James N. Mapes; Vice-President, Frank Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. U. Grant Mapes; Registrar, Clarence E. Mapes.

48th Reunion, Aug. 11, 1934, at Van's Beach, Port Jervis. 150 present. Prayer by Miss Bertha Moore of Kansas City, Mo. Letters read from absent members from several States. Lester D. Mapes presented to the Association a copy of will of Thomas Mapes (1628-1687), first of Mapes family to arrive in America. All officers re-elected.

49th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1935, at Howells Congregational Church, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of birth of Samuel Mapes (1735-1820). 200 present. Group picture was taken. Among greetings read was one from Mrs. Irene Mapes Gohring, of Elmira, N. Y., in her 100th year. One couple present had recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary; another couple their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Officers elected: President, William S. Mapes; Vice-President, Charles A. Shaw; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. U. Grant Mapes. Meeting adjourned to the Samuel Mapes Homestead nearby, for the unveiling of three Historical Markers, presented by New York State, marking the site of the Mapes Tract, Mapes Log House and Mapes Burying Ground.

50th Reunion, to be held Aug. 8, 1936, at Howells Congregational Church.

A brief summary of the foregoing will give the following facts;

During the fifty years that the reunions have been held only once has rain interfered so that no one came out for the reunion, and this was in 1890. On one other occasion, in 1919, rain prevented enough coming together to hold the usual business session.

The places where the reunions have been held are: Twice at Bertholf's Grove; once at Penney's Grove, Otisville; four times at Webb's Park, Middletown; twelve times at Midway Park, Middletown; ten times at Columbia Park, Middletown; nine times at Howells Congregational Church; once at Samuel Mapes Homestead, Howells; once at L. H. Mapes Farm, Howells; once at O. W. Mapes Farm, Maple Dale; twice at Recreation Park, Pine Bush; four times at Van's Beach, Port Jervis.

Those who have held the office of President during the fifty years are: Nelson B. Mapes (1829-1917), three times; Selah R. Corwin (1809-1909); Job Mapes (1813-1905); Benjamin Mapes (1810-1901); Alsop W. Mapes (1823-1903); Stephen S. Mapes (1819-1907), twice; T. Alvin Mapes (1826-1914); Charles Mapes (1828-1910); Squire Lee (1843-1926); I. Theodore Mapes (1840-1913), twice; S. Emmet Mapes (1834-1917); Oscar W. Mapes (1848-1932), four times; Lewis H. Mapes (1865-), three times; Mortimer L. Mapes (1840-1906); James N. Mapes (1873-) four times; Spencer W. Corwin (1843-1913); Hector Tuthill (1851-1913); Millard Mapes (1858-), twice; Dr. E. M. Schultz (1866-); Mrs. Clara M. Shaw (1852-1932); Edson Mapes (1856-1921), twice; Clarence E. Mapes (1882-), five times; Winfield H. Mapes (1871-); William S. Mapes (1903-), three times; Elmer L. Mapes (1885-), twice; John P. Mapes (1894-), twice. It will be noted that only nine of the twenty-six are now (1936) living. Attention is also called to the fact that Mrs. Clara M. Shaw holds the honor of being the only lady President.

The Vice-Presidents have been: John J. Stewart (1814-1901) three times; Job Mapes (1813-1905); Benjamin Mapes (1810-1901) Alsop W. Mapes (1823-1903), twice; T. Alvin Mapes (1824-1914), twice; Charles Mapes (1828-1910); S. Emmet Mapes (1834-1917), twice; I. Theodore Mapes (1840-1913); twice; Oscar W. Mapes (1848-1932), three times; Hector Tuthill (1851-1913); Daniel S. Mapes (1845-1904); Mortimer L. Mapes (1840-1906); Wm. Harvey Mapes (1834-1910); Fred Woodruff (1880-1935); Millard Mapes (1858-), three times; Albert Mapes (1835-1911); William J. Mapes (1863-1917); Mrs. Lewis H. Mapes (1865-1915); Mrs. Clara M. Shaw (1852-1932); Mrs. Myra M. Corwin (1861-), twice; Lewis H. Mapes (1865-), six times; William S. Mapes (1903-); Elmer L. Mapes (1885-), twice; John P. Mapes (1894-); twice; Mrs. Charles E. Mapes (1872-); James N. Mapes (1873-); Frank Mapes (1887-), three times; James A. Shaw (1894-). Ten out of twenty-eight are now living.

The Secretary-Treasurers have been: H. M. Howell (1843-1925), twice; Oscar W. Mapes (1848-1932), three times; Hector Tuthill (1851-1913), three times; Lewis H. Mapes (1865-), three times; Robert D. Mapes (1862-1912), four times; Myra Mapes (Corwin) (1861-); Mabel Howell (1873-); Mrs. Charles E. Mapes (1872-), eight times; S. Willis Mapes (1869-1925), six times; Jesse E. Mapes (1875-1920), twice; Charles L. Penney (1849-); Mrs. Edna B. Mapes (1875-1931), twice; Mrs. Jennie M. Shipley (1873-); Mrs. Stella M. Masterson (1887-), eight times; Mrs. U. Grant Mapes (1873-) three times. Eight out of fifteen are now living.

The Registrars have been: T. Alvin Mapes (1826-1914); Mrs. Clara M. Shaw (1852-1932); Sarah L. Mapes (Lamson) (1877-); Mrs. Alice M. Howell (1850-1922); Mrs. Nellie T. Whitlock (1876-); Clarence E. Mapes (1882-). Three out of six now living.

Nelson B. Mapes (1829-1917) and George E. Mapes (1839-1925) share equal honors in having given an equal number of addresses and informal talks at the reunions, twelve for each.

Attention is called to the fact that all of the officers for the FIFTIETH REUNION are descendants from SAMUEL MAPES (1735-1820) through three lines for the President and through two lines for the others.

WILLIAM S. MAPES, President

	Stephen Mapes	Seth	Erastus)	
Gr. Grandson of	Jeannette Mapes	John	Enos)	Samuel
	Samuel C. Mapes	Eber	Samuel)	

JAMES A. SHAW, Vice-President

	Stephen Mapes	Seth	Erastus)	
Grandson of	Jeannette Mapes	John	Enos)	Samuel

MRS. U. GRANT MAPES, Secretary-Treasurer

	T. Alvin Mapes	Josiah	Erastus)	
U.G.M. son of	Dinah Ett Hulse	Fannie	Selah)	Samuel

CLARENCE E. MAPES, Registrar.

	Albert Mapes	John	Enos)	
Son of	Frances S. Mapes	Seth	Erastus)	Samuel

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Copy of picture taken at reunion.

HOWELLS HISTORICAL MARKER UNVEILED
AT REUNION OF 200 MAPES DESCENDANTS.

Dedication of three State Highway markers, commemorating the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Samuel Mapes, founder of the Mapes clan in this vicinity, election of William S. Mapes as the new president of the Mapes Family Association, and display of various ancestral relics owned by members of the family were highlights of the forty-ninth annual reunion at Howells Congregational Church on Saturday. Approximately two hundred members of the family, coming from five States and the Canal Zone, met at noon for a basket picnic, after which they assembled in the church for the business meeting.

Dedicatory exercises, unveiling of the three markers, were held on the lawn of the G. T. Gross farm, a quarter of a mile from Howells station, where President James N. Mapes gave an address on Samuel Mapes, descendant of one of the two brothers who settled on Long Island in 1640, and pioneer who came to Blooming Grove, then later to Howells before the Revolutionary War. Here he purchased and settled in 1776 what came to be known as the Mapes Tract, composed of 664 acres of the Minisink Patent.

Exercises were held beside the Mapes Cemetery marker, one of three presented to the Mapes family by the Department of Archives & History of the New York State Department of Education. The standard is erected about fifty yards from the original Samuel Mapes cemetery, beside the State highway, and reads:

"MAPES CEMETERY - Burials from 1804 including Samuel Mapes, 1735-1820, Soldier of Revolution, Signer of Pledge to Sustain Continental Congress."

The monument was unveiled by little Shirley Wood Mapes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Mapes, of Mount Hope. After address of President Mapes, a short talk was given by Russell M. Vernon, president of the Middletown Historical Association.

During the business session in the church, William S. Mapes of Mount Hope was elected president for the year, and James A. Shaw of Middletown vice-president. The secretary-treasurer, Mrs. U. Grant Mapes, and the registrar, Clarence E. Mapes, were re-elected.

Routine business followed, including the Registrar's report that during the year there had been 14 births, 27 marriages and 28 deaths, among which was that of Cassius Clay Mapes, of Cleveland, last great grandson of Samuel Mapes. Among the members present were Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Truex, of Middletown, who were celebrating their golden wedding anniversary, and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred S. Ketcham, celebrating their sixtieth.

Among communications from members were included those of Irene Mapes Gphring, oldest living descendant of Samuel Mapes, aged ninety-nine, of Elmira; of Bernice Mapes Alvord, Southern Rhodesia, Africa, and of W. A. Smith, Transvaal, South Africa. A number of those attending the celebration had been present at the first of the annual affairs forty-nine years ago, when ten children of Seth Mapes, all living on or near the original tract, began the reunions.

Interesting relics brought by members to the celebration included five Bibles, one of which, undated, belonged to Samuel Mapes, and is owned by Mrs. D. A. Lamson. Folded within its pages was a gray piece of homemade paper, composed of straw and other materials. Another, which had belonged to Seth Mapes, whose children began the annual reunions, was brought by Floyd Greenleaf, oldest living descendant of the founder of the family. A faded piece of chintz, part of the wedding dress of Sallie Hunt Mapes, daughter-in-law of Samuel, who was married in 1794, was displayed by its present owner. Copies of the will, the deed of the Mapes cemetery to the Howells church by Samuel Mapes's executors, and the deed to the original tract, indentures in July 1776, elicited particular interest from the members. Included among the relics were daguerreotypes of Jemimy Ann Mapes and Groge T. Mapes, of Long Island.

In the safe of the Howells Church was a record of its history, begun in 1782, when the settlers first became an organized denomination. Its pages were wrinkled and worn, its yellowed sheets telling of long use through the years of that first building, then of its successor, the Old Yellow Church, built on the Mt. Hope road in 1810, and of the present church, erected in 1850, just after the railroad was put through the territory.

Howells church itself is adjacent to the old line of the Mapes Tract. The copy of the deed gives the following information concerning purchase and limits of the Mapes tract itself:

"This indenture made the eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six;

"Between Elizabeth Mathews of the County of Orange in the province of New York, spinster, and Samuel Bayard of the City of New York in the province aforesaid, merchant, and Catharine, his wife, of the one part, and Samuel Mapes of the County and Province aforesaid, yeoman, of the other part."

The tract, which cost three hundred pounds, was part of Lot Number 41 in the tract known by the name of Minisink Angle. The Mapes lot was bounded "by a heap of stones on the northerly corner thence to northwest corner to a certain stake and stones" then to "a stake standing in a piece of low ground partly cleared" thence "eastward to a homebeam sapling marked with a blaze on three sides", thence to more stones and a stake and on to the point of beginning.

The marker designating the original tract has been placed along the Middletown-Howells state highway, which runs through part of the Samuel Mapes lot, not far from the cemetery marker.

The third marker has been erected off the highway at the site of the original log cabin of Samuel Mapes.

At the annual meeting the registrar, Clarence E. Mapes, announced that four great-grandchildren of Samuel Mapes were still living but were unable to attend the reunion. The oldest living descendant in attendance on Saturday was Floyd Greenleaf, aged eighty-one, of Middletown. The youngest descendant, a great-great-great-great granddaughter, Rae Ann Heverly, aged eight weeks, was present with her mother who lives in Elizabeth, N. J. Mrs. E. A. Gardner, a great, great granddaughter, who lives in the Canal Zone, won the distinction of being the member from the most distant place.

After the dedication of the three markers, members of the clan visited the cemetery, where lies Samuel Mapes, who gave this half acre of land from his orchard as a permanent resting ground. The only portion of the original tract of interest to the Mapes family today is the cemetery.

The committee in charge of the bi-centennial exercises was composed of the officers of the Mapes Family Association, of Mrs. Sarah M. Lamson, Miss Alice Howell, and William S. Mapes.

Following the example of their New York cousins, the members of the Mapes Family in the vicinity of Cleveland, Ohio, held their first reunion in 1895, and have been holding them each year since that time. Mrs. Nellie Creedon, 1061 Hart St., Mentor, Ohio, is the Secretary of that group.

For about an equal length of time the Mapes Family group in Michigan has been holding their annual reunions. Their Secretary is Mrs. Maxine Sweet, Chelsea, Michigan.

For the past nineteen years another Mapes Family group has been holding reunions at or near Mansfield, Ohio. This group is composed of the descendants of Mark Mapes (1800-1879) and Jane Moffatt (1800-1879), he being a son of Stephen Mapes (1765-1820), Revolutionary Soldier from Orange County, N. Y., a son of Christopher Mapes, whose identity has not yet been established. Willard William Mapes, Butler, Ohio, is now the President of this group.

Detailed information as to these various reunions has not been received, so cannot be given here.

OHIO REUNIONS

1st Reunion, Aug. 8, 1895, held at Mapes Homestead at Orange, Ohio. Remarks by Zopher Warner, O. S. Mapes, J. R. Mapes, Washington Mapes, G. C. Mapes and Vesta Battles. Officers elected: President, J. R. Mapes; Vice-President, Seth Mapes; Secretary, G. C. Mapes; Historian, Sarah Kempton.

2nd Reunion, Aug. 6, 1896, at Mapes Homestead, Orange. Remarks by O. S. Mapes, Jesse Mapes, J. C. Mapes. Same officers re-elected.

3rd Reunion, Aug. 5, 1897, at home of Seth Mapes. Remarks by Melissa Mapes Rhyneearson, of Wellington, Kansas, and Harriet Mapes Bennett, of Homer, Mich. Same officers re-elected.

4th Reunion, at home of Catherine Mapes Battles in East Cleveland. Same officers re-elected.

5th Reunion, Aug. 3, 1899, at home of G. C. Mapes in Collinwood. Officers elected: President, John Mapes; Secretary, G. C. Mapes.

6th Reunion, Aug. 2, 1900, at home of Mary Mapes Robins. Officers elected: President, Seth Mapes; Vice-President, George Warner; Secretary, G. C. Mapes; Historian, Sarah Kempton.

7th Reunion, Aug. 6, 1901, at home of C. A. Mapes, Solon, Ohio. Officers elected: President, George Warner; Secretary, G. C. Mapes; Historian, Sarah Kempton.

8th Reunion, Aug. 7, 1902, at home of Henry and Ida Berg, South Euclid. Remarks by Prof. Gurney. Same officers re-elected.

9th Reunion, Aug. 6, 1903, at Euclid Beach Park, Cleveland. Officers elected: President, B. F. Jenks; Secretary, G. C. Mapes; Historian, Ida Berg.

10th Reunion, Aug. 4, 1904, at Mapes Homestead in Orange. Same officers re-elected.

11th Reunion, Aug. 3, 1905, at home of Mr. & Mrs. John Warner, Willoughby. President, P. E. Mapes; Vice-President, Leverett Mapes; Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Gurney; Treasurer, Seth Mapes; Historian, Catherine Battles.

12th Reunion, Aug. 2, 1906, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hart, Mentor. Remarks by Mrs. G. W. Gurney and G. C. Mapes. Officers elected: President, P. E. Mapes; Vice-President, Leverett Mapes; Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Gurney; Treasurer, James Battles; Historian, Catherine Battles.

13th Reunion, Aug. 1, 1907, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Seth Parker, Mayfield. Remarks by G. W. Gurney, Arthur Hart, G. C. Mapes. Same officers re-elected.

14th Reunion, Aug. 4, 1908, at Euclid Beach Park, Cleveland. Officers elected: President, B. F. Benks; Vice-President, Leverett Mapes; Secretary, Mrs. G. W. Gurney; Treasurer, Seth Mapes; Historian, Mrs. Catherine Battles; Corresponding Secretary, G. C. Mapes.

15th Reunion, Aug. 5, 1909, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hart, Mentor. Officers elected: President, Helen Hart; Vice-President, Vesta Gurney; Secretary, G. C. Mapes; Historian, G. W. Gurney.

16th Reunion, Aug. 4, 1910, at home of Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Gurney, Mayfield. Same officers re-elected.

17th Reunion, Aug. 3, 1911, at Willoughbeach Park, Willoughby. Remarks by Dr. Lloyd Mapes, C. A. Mapes, G. W. Gurney. Officers elected: President, Dr. Lloyd Mapes; Vice-President, G. W. Gurney; Secretary-Treasurer, G. C. Mapes; Historian, G. W. Gurney.

18th Reunion, Aug. 1, 1912, at home of Mr. & Mrs. John Warner, Willoughby. Remarks by J. P. Mapes, J. E. Mapes, C. Mapes and G. W. Gurney. Officers elected: President, P. E. Mapes; Vice-President, G. W. Gurney; Secretary, G. C. Mapes; Historian, G. W. Gurney.

19th Reunion, Aug. 4, 1913, at home of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Battles, E. Cleveland. Remarks by J. P. Mapes, G. W. Gurney, and Mrs. Andrew Mapes. Officers elected: President, J. E. Battles; Vice-President, C. A. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, G. C. Mapes; Historian, G. W. Gurney.

20th Reunion, Aug. 6, 1914, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Hart, Mentor. Remarks by P. E. Mapes, C. C. Mapes, L. W. Stevenson, C. A. Mapes. Same officers re-elected.

21st Reunion, Aug. 5, 1915, at Chesterland Caves, Chester. Remarks by G. W. Gurney, C. C. Mapes, A. J. Waite, Mrs. C. C. Mapes. Officers elected: President, C. C. Mapes; Vice-President, C. A. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, G. C. Mapes; Historian, G. W. Gurney.

22nd Reunion, Aug. 3, 1916, at home of Mr. & Mrs. James Mapes, Chester. Officers elected: President, C. C. Mapes; Vice-President, C. A. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, G. C. Mapes; Asst. Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Mapes; Historian, G. W. Gurney.

23rd Reunion, Aug. 2, 1917, at home of Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Battles, E. Cleveland. Remarks by Perry Mapes and A. J. Waite. Officers elected: President, Perry Mapes; Vice-President, Eugene Battles; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Mapes.

24th Reunion, Aug. 1, 1918, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Perry Mapes, Orange. Remarks by A. J. Waite, John Mapes, G. W. Gurney, C. C. Mapes. Officers elected: President, P. E. Mapes; Vice-President, C. C. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Mapes.

25th Reunion, Aug. 7, 1919, at home of Mr. & Mrs. B. W. Jenks, Chagrin Falls. Remarks by G. W. Gurney, John Mapes, and B. W. Jenks. Officers elected: President, G. W. Gurney; Vice-President, B. W. Jenks; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Roseum.

26th Reunion, Aug. 5, 1920, at home of Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Gurney. Remarks by C. C. Mapes; Officers elected: President, G. W. Gurney; Vice-President, B. W. Jenks; Secretary-Treasurer, Historian, Mrs. Hazel Roseum.

27th Reunion, Aug. 4, 1921, at home of Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Gawn, Wickliffe. Officers elected: President, Mrs. James Battles; Vice-President, Mrs. G. W. Gurney; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Ida Berg; Secretary-Treasurer-Historian, Mrs. Hazel Roseum.

28th Reunion, Aug. 3, 1922, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Yaxley, Bainbridge. Officers elected: President, Dr. L. J. Mapes; Vice-President, Mrs. James Battles; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Roseum; Historian, Mrs. Allie Stevenson.

29th Reunion, Aug. 2, 1923, at home of Mrs. Lillian Yaxley, Waite Hill. Officers elected: President, Perry Mapes; Vice-President, Mrs. Ida Berg; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Hart; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Roseum; Historian, Allie Stevenson.

30th Reunion, Aug. 7, 1924, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Mapes, Orange. Officers elected: President, Seth Parker; Vice-President, Ida Berg; 2nd Vice-President, Helen Hart; Secretary-Treasurer, Hazel Roseum; Historian, Allie Stevenson.

31st Reunion, Aug. 5, 1925, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Yaxley, Willoughby. Remarks by Mrs. C. C. Mapes, G. W. Gurney, John Mapes, Mr. Aitken. Officers elected: President, C. C. Mapes, Vice-President, Perry Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Roseum; Historian, Mrs. Vesta Gurney.

32nd Reunion, Aug. 5, 1926, at home of Mrs. Helen Hart, Mentor. Mrs. C. C. Mapes gave an account of their trip to the New York reunion. Had as guests Mr. Clarence Mapes and his sister from New York. Officers elected: President, C. C. Mapes; Vice-President, George Hart; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Roseum; Historian, Vesta Gurney.

33rd Reunion, Aug. 4, 1927, at home of Mr. & Mrs. James Mapes, Chester. Remarks by Mr. and Mrs. Triskett, Mrs. Campbell, Hilliard Battles, John Mapes, Mrs. C. C. Mapes, G. R. Gurney. Officers elected: President, John Mapes; Vice-President, G. W. Gurney; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Roseum; Historian, Mrs. Vesta Gurney.

34th Reunion, Aug. 2, 1928, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hart, Chardon. Remarks by Ed. Mapes, Iowa; Charles Mapes, Ben. Jenks, Arthur Mapes, G. W. Gurney, Delia Battles Lewis. Officers elected: President, C. C. Mapes; Vice-President, Ida Berg; Secretary-Treasurer, Nellie H. Creedon; Historian, Vesta Gurney.

35th Reunion, Aug. 1, 1929, at home of the Mapes Brothers, Orange. Remarks by Mr. Gurney, Mr. Triskett, Charles Mapes. Same officers re-elected.

36th Reunion, Aug. 7, 1930, at home of Mrs. Ida Berg, South Euclid. Officers elected: President, John Mapes; Vice-President, George Hart; Secretary-Treasurer, Nellie H. Creedon; Historian, Vesta Gurney.

37th Reunion, Aug. 1, 1931, at home of Leverett S. Mapes, Chesterland. Officers elected: President, John Mapes; Vice-President, George Hart; Secretary-Treasurer, Nellie H. Creedon; Historian, Vesta Gurney.

38th Reunion, Aug. 6, 1932, at home of John Mapes, Orange. Remarks by C. C. Mapes, Charles Mapes, Theo. Mapes, B. W. Jenks and Perry Mapes. Officers elected: President, Charles Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Nellie H. Creedon; Historian, Vesta Gurney.

39th Reunion, Aug. 5, 1933, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Harry Hart, Chardon. Remarks by B. W. Jenks, Vesta Gurney, Eva Anderson and Perry Mapes. Same officers re-elected.

40th Reunion, Aug. 4, 1934, at home of Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Mapes, 1494 Woodward Ave., Lakewood. Remarks by Mr. Gurney, Mr. Parker, C. C. Mapes, B. W. Jenks, Mr. Selden, George Hart, W. P. Hart, Mr. Triskett, Perry Mapes. Same officers re-elected.

41st Reunion, Aug. 3, 1935, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Perry Mapes, Orange. Mr. James Mapes and Mr. Clarence Mapes, from the New York branch of the Mapes Family, were present and gave talks on their reunions. Same officers re-elected.

MICHIGAN REUNIONS.

1st Reunion, Aug. 10, 1904, at Bruin Lake, Washtenau Co., Michigan. There were 29 persons present. Voted to meet second Wednesday in August. Officers elected: President, Horace Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. A. Mapes.

2nd Reunion, Aug. 9, 1905, at Bruin Lake. Speech by Charles E. Mapes, of Philadelphia. Songs and recitations by young folks. S. A. Mapes took a picture of gathering and later presented one to each family. Officers elected: President, John E. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. A. Mapes.

3rd Reunion, Aug. 8, 1906, at Bruin Lake. 26 were present. Voted to meet second Thursday in August; Officers elected: President, Charles D. Mapes; Vice-President, John Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, S. A. Mapes.

4th Reunion, Aug. 8, 1907, at Bruin Lake. 36 were present. Program of songs and recitations. Officers elected: President, William H. Mapes; Vice-President, Fred W. Sharp; Secretary-Treasurer, Floyd P. Howell.

5th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1908, at home of Horace Mapes & Son. 39 persons present. Program of solos by Mrs. W. J. Wright, Dale Sweet, Edith Sharp and Howard Mapes. Music by Lillie Sharp and recitation by Leo Howell. Officers elected: President, S. A. Mapes; Vice-President, F. W. Sharp; Secretary-Treasurer, Floyd P. Howell.

6th Reunion, Aug. 12, 1909, at home of Horace Mapes & Son. 41 persons present. Officers elected: President, C. A. Mapes; Vice-President, Roy Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Fred Sharp.

7th Reunion, July 27, 1910, at home of Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Mapes in Chelsea. 46 persons present. Officers elected: President, F. C. Mapes; Vice-President, Roy Sharp; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Sweet.

8th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1911, at home of C. D. Mapes. Pledged \$10. toward Samuel Mapes monument. Meeting date changed to second Saturday in August. Officers elected: President, George Mapes; Vice-President, E. B. Daniels; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Sweet.

9th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1912, at home of W. H. & H. Mapes. Officers elected: President, George Dutton; Secretary-Treasurer, Roy Mapes.

10th Reunion, Aug. 9, 1913, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Sharp. Mapes Family History, written by George E. Mapes, read by Horace Mapes. Officers elected: President, Roy Mapes; Vice-President, Fred Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, S. A. Mapes.

11th Reunion, Aug. 8, 1914, at home of Mr. & Mrs. John Jackson, in Stockbridge. Day spent in visiting. Same officers re-elected.

12th Reunion, Aug. 14, 1915, at home of Mr. & Mrs. C. A. Mapes, in Gregory. Program of readings, recitations and duets. Officers elected: President, Horace Mapes; Vice-President, E. B. Daniels; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Sweet.

13th Reunion, Aug. 8, 1916, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd P. Howell, at Howell, Mich. Speech by Horace Mapes, remarks by Mrs. F. P. Howell, also readings and music. Officers elected: President, C. D. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Sweet.

14th Reunion, Aug. 9, 1917, at home of William and Horace Mapes. Solos, duets, readings, and a speech by Horace Mapes. Officers elected: President, W. H. Mapes; Vice-President, Rice Howell; Secretary-Treasurer, C. E. Sweet.

15th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1918, at Cavanaugh Lake, guests of Mr. & Mrs. S. A. Mapes and daughters. Officers elected: President, S. A. Mapes; Vice-President, Fred Sharp; Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. Mapes.

16th Reunion, Aug. 12, 1919, at home of W. H. Mapes, Stockbridge. Officers elected: President, C. A. Mapes; Vice-President, John Jackson; Secretary-Treasurer, Ruth Daniels.

17th Reunion, Aug. 14, 1920, at home of Mr. & Mrs. John Jackson. Telegram from Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Wright and Mrs. Sarah Mapes of Ithaca, N. Y. Officers elected: President, C. A. Mapes; Vice-President, R. H. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Effie Lyons.

18th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1921, at home of Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Sweet. Telegrams from Clarence E. Mapes and from Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Wright. Officers elected: President, Fred Mapes; Vice-President, Emmet Howell; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Effie Lyons.

19th Reunion, Aug. 12, 1922, at home of Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Sweet. Telegram read from Clarence E. Mapes, of New York City. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Kitt Jackson; Vice-President, R. A. Howell; Secretary-Treasurer, Dale Sweet.

20th Reunion, Aug. 11, 1923, at home of Mr. & Mrs. Emmet Howell, of Fowlerville. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Kitt Jackson; Vice-President, George Dutton; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Susie Sweet.

21st Reunion, Aug. 9, 1924, at home of Mr. & Mrs. George Mapes, at Cxbou Lake. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Kitt Jackson; Vice-President, R. A. Howell; Secretary-Treasurer, Gertrude Mapes.

22nd Reunion, Aug. 8, 1925, at home of Mr. & Mrs. John Jackson. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Floyd Howell; Vice-President, C. A. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, George Dutton.

23rd Reunion, Aug. 14, 1926, at home of Mr. & Mrs. F. P. Howell. Officers elected: President, Fred Mapes; Vice-President, Mrs. Effie Lyons; Secretary-Treasurer, George Dutton.

24th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1927, at Ella Sharpe Park, Jackson, as guests of Fred Mapes. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Kitt Jackson; Vice-President, Mrs. F. P. Howell; Secretary-Treasurer, George Dutton.

25th Reunion, Aug. 11, 1928, at home of Mr. & Mrs. C.A. Mapes. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Kitt Jackson; Vice-President, Susie Sweet; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Sweet.

26th Reunion, Aug. 10, 1929, at home of Rice Howell, at Birmingham. Officers elected: President, Mrs. F. P. Howell; Vice-President, S. A. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Maurine Howell.

27th Reunion, Aug. 9, 1930, at home of Mr. & Mrs. F.P. Howell. Officers elected: President, Rice Howell; Vice-President, Fred Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Maurine Howell. Mrs. Sarah Mapes was elected Honorary President.

28th Reunion, Aug. 8, 1931, at home of Mr. & Mrs. John Jackson. Officers elected: President, W. J. Wright; Vice-President, Mrs. C. A. Mapes; Secretary-Treasurer, Dale Sweet.

29th Reunion, Aug. 13, 1932, at Toppings Cottage, Joslin Lake. Voted to hold reunions on first Saturday in August. Officers elected: President, W. J. Wright; Vice-President, C. E. Sweet; Secretary-Treasurer, Dale Sweet.

30th Reunion, Aug. 5, 1933, at Toppings Cottage, Joslin Lake. Roll Call responded to with readings, jokes and riddles. Same officers re-elected.

31st Reunion, Aug. 9, 1934, at Toppings Cottage, Joslin Lake. Officers elected: President, F. P. Howell; Vice-President, Paul Wagner; Secretary-Treasurer, Maxine Sweet.

32nd Reunion, Aug. 10, 1935, at Toppings Cottage, Joslin Lake. Young people went bathing, older ones visited or pitched quoits. Officers elected: President, C. E. Sweet; Vice-President, Leo Howell; Secretary-Treasurer, Maxine Sweet.

33rd Reunion, to be held Aug. 8, 1936, at Toppings Cottage, Joslin Lake.

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MEMBERS OF MAPES FAMILY ATTEND FIFTIETH REUNION.

All Officers of Family Association Re-elected at Gathering in Howells.

Half a century of reunions was celebrated by 125 members of the Mapes family Saturday in the Congregational Church at Howells with dinner and a program of reminiscences.

All the officers, each a descendant of Samuel Mapes to whose two hundredth birthday anniversary last year's reunion was dedicated, were re-elected. They were: William S. Mapes, Mount Hope, president; James A. Shaw, Middletown, vice-president; Mrs. U. Grant Mapes, Middletown, secretary-treasurer; Clarence E. Mapes, New York, registrar.

Those attending from six states included seventeen who were at the first reunion in 1887 in Bertholf's Grove, and sixteen attending for the first time. Among letters from those unable to attend was one from Mrs. Irene Mapes Gohring, of Elmira, 100 years old this year.

Mrs. Myra Mapes Corwin, of Unionville, granddaughter of Seth and Lucinda Smith Mapes, whose children began the reunions, drew a picture of Seth as she recalled him when a little girl. When the couple's children scattered to make homes of their own, Mrs. Corwin said, they never got more than four miles from the old homestead. She recalled their hospitality, their full cookie jars and their freedom from quarrels of any kind.

James N. Mapes, of Howells, spoke of the man Nelson B. Mapes, the one person responsible for the starting of the family reunions, and who had given an address at the first reunion in 1887 and twelve addresses at the various reunions.

Lewis H. Mapes, of Middletown, spoke of the social life of fifty years ago, telling several anecdotes of the time when the family began its reunions.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kershaw Gottschalk, of Boston, daughter of the late Rev. William H. Kershaw, pastor here when the Mapeses first gathered, added her memories to the occasion. She said she came with her parents as a small girl from England and was homesick for some time. Soon her family came to love Howells, she said, and since then the place has always seemed like home to her. On their arrival here the new parson's family was first entertained at the home of the late Nelson B. Mapes, Mrs. Gottschalk stated.

Registrar Mapes distributed mimeographed booklets, Fifty Years of Reunions of the Mapes Family, with an address given by Nelson B. Mapes at the first reunion, and including brief summaries of all the intervening meetings, as well as the forty-one reunions of the Ohio branch of the family.

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